

Harvest Elementary Newsletter

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- *NOV 1 PTA Mtg @3:45 in Media Center
- *NOV 6 Daylight Savings End
- *NOV 10 4th Grade Program
- *NOV 11 4th Grade Donut & Reading Date
- *NOV 14 Minimal Monday
- *NOV 16-17 Santa Secret Wkshp
- *NOV 18 Fall Carnival
- *NOV 18 3rd Grade Program
- *NOV 23-25 NO SCHOOL
- *NOV 30 Reflection Awards Night
- *DEC 6 PTA Mtg @ 3:45 in Media Center
- *DEC 8 La Posada
- *DEC 19 Christmas Break
- *JAN 3 Back to School

Principal's News

Karl H. Bowman

Dear Parents,

With the onset of winter, cold weather is sure to be ever present. To be comfortable in the cold, one must be prepared. At Harvest we ask that you help your children enjoy the cold while they are outside for recess time. Recess is a necessary and important diversion for children during their day at school. In order to enjoy their time outside students need to come to school with sufficient clothing to keep them warm outside.

Too many children come to school with inadequate attire to spend time in our winter weather. Cold weather gear is critical for your children to be happy while they spend time outside. Students very much regret being held in class during recess time. Our students will only be kept inside for the following reasons:

- ▶The temperature is below 20 degrees with wind-chill.
- ▶The precipitation is such that a child would remain wet for long periods of time after being outside.
- ▶The wind is excessively strong.
- ▶The air quality is determined to be unhealthy.

Children are expected to dress appropriately for the weather. In the wintry weather, parents should dress children in cold-weather gear including coats, hats, and gloves. We invite and encourage you to label all clothing items and check the lost and found often. When there is a slight drizzle, children would be expected to wear

waterproof jackets or to use an umbrella.

There may be children with asthma or other medical conditions that would necessitate their remaining inside. Parents may write a note to teachers allowing them to quietly stay in the north hallway close to the west doors.

This time of year also brings more cars to our school. Courteous, careful and slow driving cannot be emphasized enough when loading and unloading students. Do not drive faster than 5 miles per hour through the parking lot. On bad weather days, traffic jams occur. Anticipate this problem by allowing enough time to remain safe when picking up students. Since children are not always careful, adults must drive safely. Parents who are busy on their cell phones in the pick up/drop off areas greatly increase the possibility of injuring a child including their own. If you are unable to do a quick drop off, please use the parking lot so that the traffic flow can remain as smooth as possible. If you feel it is necessary to keep an eye on your child, please go to the parking lot.

We would also request that you prearrange with your children for after-school pick up. If you have prearranged to have your children walk but you want to pick them up please layout a plan for them to know where you would pick them up so we do not have a "traffic jam" of our own in the office of children trying to call home.

We appreciate your support in helping us keep your children safe, happy and warm in order to provide an excellent educational experience at Harvest Elementary. We wish you all a very safe and happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Karl H. Bowman, Principal

A Message from the PTA

First off, I would like to thank all the students, parents, and staff who participated in Red Ribbon week. It was so fun to see all the great outfits and crazy hair dos! The magician was a hit and we hope the students went home and told you all about the show.

I am so excited about the month of November! We are happy to be holding Harvest's first Fall Festival in honor of Family Night! The Fall Festival will be Friday, November 18th from 5:00pm-8:00pm. Look for a flier to go home with all the amazing details. We will also pre-sell tickets for a better rate. You can also bring in your box tops and use them as cash. If you haven't had a family picture taken, we will have a professional photographer there taking pictures for only \$1. Don't miss this great opportunity to

spend a night with your family and support Harvest!

Reflections awards will be given Wednesday, November 30th at 6:00pm in the Gym. We invited all parents and students who participated to attend.

PTA membership is up! We are so proud of our staff this year at harvest with 99% membership! We have such wonderful teachers and I'm truly honored to get to work with them. The time and dedication they give to our children is above and beyond! We love you guys!

If you are interested in attending the PTA meetings, they are held the first Tuesday of every month at 3:45pm in the Media Center.

Thanks You,
Sincerely, Lorri Moore PTA President

SIPA News

¡Muchas gracias!

Thank you to all the amazing parents who continue to help in the Spanish Take Home Reading Library.

All of the volunteers are making Harvest SIPA what it is today and what it will become in the future. Thanks for helping make it so great!

Volunteers NEEDED:

On December 8th we will need help with sorting tamales orders. It will be in the afternoon and distribution will occur at 5:30 p.m. and after La Posada

Costume planning for the Spring show "La Fiesta" has commenced! If you will be able to help cut, sew etc., please contact Danielle Cahoon or Cassie Gross.



SIPA Events coming up....

LA POSADA and TAMALES DISTRIBUTION

We will be having our annual tamales fundraiser! The order forms can be found in the office, and we will also be sending them home with all families. They will be due December 1st and distributed on December 8th.

Questions or comments?

Please contact the SIPA President
Danielle Cahoon
cell 801.473.8250

email sdcahoon@hotmail.com

Many thanks for all your support of the Spanish Immersion Program at our great school!!!



Esquina de Español

Spanish Word of the Month:

El Pavo = turkey

(paw - voh)



Connect with SIPA on Facebook:

If you want to keep updated and connect with other SIPA families, log into Facebook and go to: Harvest SIPA <https://www.facebook.com/groups/HarvestSIPA/>

Let's Keep Our School Clean...



As a parent at Harvest, I happened to walk by the cafeteria the other day and this is a picture of what I saw. I was so saddened by the thought that one of my own children could have contributed to this mess. I wanted to bring it to every parent's attention, in hopes of helping Mr. Barney, our AMAZING, janitor out. I thought maybe we could as parents talk to our children about the importance of picking up after ourselves. I would hope that we all want our school to shine, and this does not show what awesome students we have at Harvest. Let's all work on making Harvest a clean school by doing our small part!!!

Thanks, Lorri Moore, PTA President



Mission: Planting Knowledge for Life's Harvest.

“At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvements of parents.”

Jane D. Hull

UTAH - This is the Place 4th Grade Program

► **WHEN:** Thursday, November 10th ► **WHERE:** Harvest Elementary Gym ► **TIME:** 6:30 pm
Students' Dress: Students come dressed as a pioneer, mountain man, or native American. If none of these are available to you, come in nice jeans and a white shirt.

Mrs. Luiz Class: Come dressed as a pioneer if possible. Boys, this could be nice pants with a long sleeve shirt and a bandana around your neck. You could use a cowboy hat or a hat with a wide brim.

Mrs. Larsen's and Mrs. Holdaway's Class: Come dressed as a native American, if possible
 All students should arrive in their costumes at 6:00 pm. All students should go to the Library Kiva.

THESE ARE SOME FUN HALLOWEEN SONGS WE HAVE BEEN SINGING IN MUSIC. MANY STUDENTS HAVE ASKED FOR THE WORDS. SO HERE THEY ARE. HAVE A HAPPY HALLOWEEN! MRS. JOHNSON

FUN AND SPOOKY HALLOWEEN SONGS

WE WISH YOU A SPOOKY HALLOWEEN

(TO THE TUNE OF WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS)

WE WISH YOU A SPOOKY HALLOWEEN. WE WISH YOU A SPOOKY HALLOWEEN
 WE WISH YOU A SPOOKY HALLOWEEN AND A NIGHT FILLED WITH FEAR
 SOME SCARY SOUNDS WE SING TO YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS.
 SOME SCARY SOUNDS FOR MIDNIGHT AND A DARK NIGHT OF DREAD
 WE ALL KNOW THE GHOSTS ARE COMING WE ALL KNOW THE GHOSTS ARE COMING
 WE ALL KNOW THE GHOSTS ARE COMING THEY SOON WILL BE HERE
 SOME SCARY SOUNDS WE SING TO YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS
 SOME SCARY SOUNDS FOR MIDNIGHT AND A DARK NIGHT OF DREAD
 WE ALL WANT SOME TREATS AND CANDY WE ALL WANT SOME TREATS AND CANDY
 WE ALL WANT SOME TREATS AND CANDY SO BRING THEM OUT HERE
 WE WISH YOU A SPOOKY HALLOWEEN WE WISH YOU A SPOOKY HALLOWEEN
 WE WISH YOU A SPOOKY HALLOWEEN AND A NIGHT FILLED WITH FEAR

O WITCHES BREW

(TO THE TUNE OF O CHRISTMAS TREE)

O WITCHES BREW O WITCHES BREW
 IS SIMMERING TONIGHT
 O WITCHES BREW O WITCHES BREW
 SO FULL OF SPELLS AND FRIGHT
 THE SIGHT OF GHOSTS AT HALLOWEEN
 BRINGS FEAR OF SPIRITS VERY MEAN
 O WITCHES BREW O WITCHES BREW
 IS SIMMERING TONIGHT

HAUNT THE HALLS

(TO THE TUNE OF DECK THE HALLS)

HAUNT THE HALLS WITH SPIDERS AND BATS
 FA LA LA LA LA LA LA LA LA
 TIS THE SEASON OF BLACK CATS
 FA LA LA LA LA LA LA LA LA
 DRESS WE NOW IN MASKS AND COSTUMES
 FA LA LA LA LA LA LA LA LA
 SINGING SPOOKY SONNGS IN DARK ROOMS
 FA LA LA LA LA LA LA LA LA

UP ON THE HILLTOP

(TO THE TUNE OF UP ON THE HOUSE TO)

1st verse:

UP ON THE HILLTOP GOBLINS PAUSE
 OUT JUMPS A MUMMY WRAPPED IN GAUZE
 DOWN THROUGH THE PUMPKIN PATCH WITCHES GO
 TEN SCARY TRICK OR TREATERS ALL IN A ROW

CHORUS:

EEK. EEK. EEK. WHO WOULDN'T SHRIEK
 EEK. EEK. EEK. WHO WOULDN'T SHRIEK
 UP ON THE HILLTOP CLANG. CLANG. CLANG
 DOWN THROUGH THE PUMPKIN PATCH WITH A BANG!

2nd verse:

FIRST COMES THE COSTUME OF BIG BLACK CAT
 THEN A MEAN GOBLIN TO GET YOUR SACK
 GIVE HIM A TREAT OF CANDY TO EAT
 OR PLAY A TRICK ON HIM THAT HE CAN'T BEAT
 (Repeat Chorus)



Getting to know the 4th grade teachers!!!

Mrs. Holdaway, Miss Reid, Mrs. Larsen, Mrs. Luis, and Mrs. Card

This month is special because we are highlighting our Fabulous Fourth grade!!! Mrs. Holdaway is one of our newest teachers to our school but she has been teaching for 6 years. She is a team teacher with Mrs. Larsen. When she is not at school she is either enjoying reading many books, but Harry Potter, and Pride and Prejudice are top of list. She enjoys spending time with family, baking and reading while enjoying her snacks like chocolate and popcorn. Her dream would be to go to Europe. Her favorite dinner is Baked Spaghetti and her favorite subject to teach is Science. One time she accidentally ate someone else's lunch at school, so watch out for your own food when she is around. ☺ Her advice that she would give the 4th graders is to always give it your best shot with a good attitude.

Miss Reid has been teaching for 8 years. She has been in 1st grade, 5th grade, and now 4th grade at our school. Her favorite subject to teach is history, especially US History. When she is not at the school you can find her hanging out with her nieces and nephews. Her favorite dinner is any kind of Mexican food. She said that telling you what her favorite book is, is like asking a parent who their favorite child is...she loves ALL her books! She loves Diet Coke, Popcorn, and scuba diving. She would LOVE to go to Australia or Fiji to go scuba diving. She says one of the funniest things was last year when they were having their Christmas Party and the students had to chew up gum and blow a bubble. She made one of her students laugh so hard that they spit their big

wad of gum out of her mouth and onto Miss Reids shirt. She has a great sense of humor and is always doing something silly. Her advice to her 4th graders is work hard, learn lots, and have lots of fun on the process!!!

Mrs. Larsen is now team teaching this year with Mrs. Holdaway and she has been teaching for 9 years. When she is not at school she enjoys going on a bike ride, playing with her kids, reading The Blue Castle by L.M. Montgomery while drinking a green smoothie or snacking on dark chocolate. Her favorite dinner is Café Zupas. If she could travel anywhere next summer it would be to Ireland or Thailand. When asked about a funny story, she said, "Yesterday...I tripped!" Really, it was one day when she was tricked into eating a crab apple and a choke cherry...it wasn't a good day for her taste buds. ☺ Her favorite subject"s" to teach is "all of my students! Just kidding, I love to teach history!" Her advice to her 4th graders is to do your homework and don't procrastinate, both are habits that will affect the rest of your education, positively or negatively is up to you.

Mrs. Luis is our 4th/5th English teacher for our Spanish Immersion Program. She was highlighted last month but in case you missed it... She has been teaching for over 10 years now. When she is not at the school she enjoys playing with her little boy. They love to go on walks and swimming. She loves any dinner that she doesn't have to cook, but she really enjoys fish and mushroom ravioli. She enjoys teaching math, reading The Blue Sword, Olivia Beauty, and Anne of Green Gables while snacking on Reese's Pieces and vegetables, especially fresh green beans and peas. If she could go anywhere next summer it would be to Europe. The advice that she gives her 4th graders is make the most of every minute and try something new!

Mrs. Card is in her 6th year of teaching. She loves to do family history, and to relax after a long day she likes to watch a movie in her easy chair or play with her grand-daughter. If she could go anywhere it would be to visit all of the church history sites. Her favorite subject to teach is Science and she loves to read the Twilight series. (I think there are lots of people that would agree with her on that one.) Her favorite snack is fat free/sugar free pudding with coconut, and she really enjoys eating a nicely cooked salmon for dinner. Something funny about her is that when she was in 4th, 5th, and 6th grade her principal that she had is now her father-in-law! ☺ She also is the one that donates a wonderful, large pumpkin to the school every year! Her advice to the 4th graders is to be true to your best self!!!

THANK YOU 4th GRADE TEACHERS FOR ALL YOU DO!!!!

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Our website has been not working properly for the past couple of weeks. It is a district wide problem which they are aware of and working hard to fix. Please be patient with us as we work quickly to get information out to you! Thank you for your support!

Just a reminder about Wednesday communication envelopes....

The communication envelopes will only be for the first half of the year. If you have any further questions feel free to contact the office.

If you have anything that you would like to include something in the newsletter please have it to Kristen Turner by no later than the 20th of each month.

Her email address is:
kturner@alpinedistrict.org

FOR LUNCH MENU: please visit the district website at alpineschools.org
Go to the Parents/Students Link, then select our school.
Or please visit the school office

ALPINE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Special Education * Parent Night



Who: Parents of students currently or potentially receiving special education services

What: Parent meeting with district special education specialists

Where: Shelley Elementary media center
602 N. 200 W. American Fork

When: Jan. 19 from 6:30-7:30. Please save the date for the next meeting 2/23.

Why: Opportunity for ASD to create partnerships with parents through awareness, education, & support.

Refreshments will be provided

ASD Special Education Parent Night

The ASD's special education department invites you to attend monthly special education parent nights beginning January 19, 2012 from 6:30-7:30 in the media center of Shelley Elementary School (602 N. 200 W. in American Fork). Our goal is to develop partnerships with parents in our school community through promoting awareness, offering education, and providing support. We hope to foster opportunities for positive communication with parents of students who are currently receiving special education services or who may be referred for special education assessments. The first session will provide a general overview of the district's special education program including information about special education assessments, placement, and services. The remainder of the special education parent nights will cover topics identified by parents in the first session as areas of need or interest. Also, please save the date for February 23rd. The dates for the remainder of the monthly meetings will be determined at a later date after receiving feedback from parents. Please come join us! (Refreshments will be provided.)

ASD Special Education Community Calendar

The ASD's special education department is excited to announce the special education community calendar. This community calendar was created with the intent to connect our parents of students with disabilities to community events and resources. There are many parents and non-profit organizations that have established wonderful support groups and activities that we are happy to advertise. Please check the calendar frequently as new events are added weekly. Visit the Alpine School District special education website at <http://alpineschools.org/departments/special-education>. Under the **Parent** section on the website, click on **Special Education Community Calendar**.

If there are events you would like to add to the website calendar, please contact us at 801-610-8545 and let us know how we can assist you.

Disclaimer: Any fees associated with events advertised on the website are to be paid by attendee(s). It is not the responsibility of Alpine School District to reimburse or provide payment for attendance to any event.